



Understanding the Needs of Homeschoolers

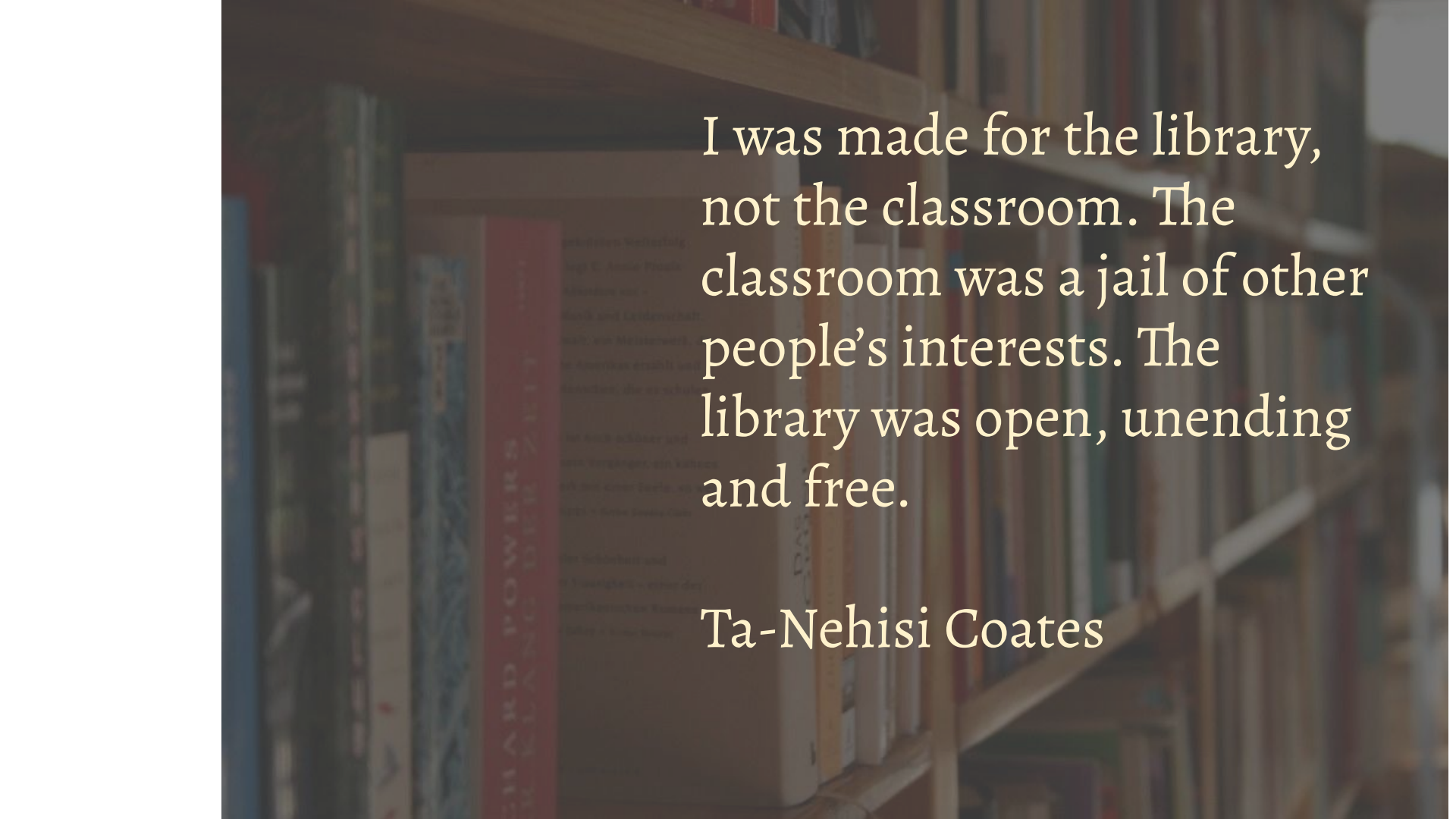


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Me and my kids
who never went to
school

Currently 19 and 21
and successful humans



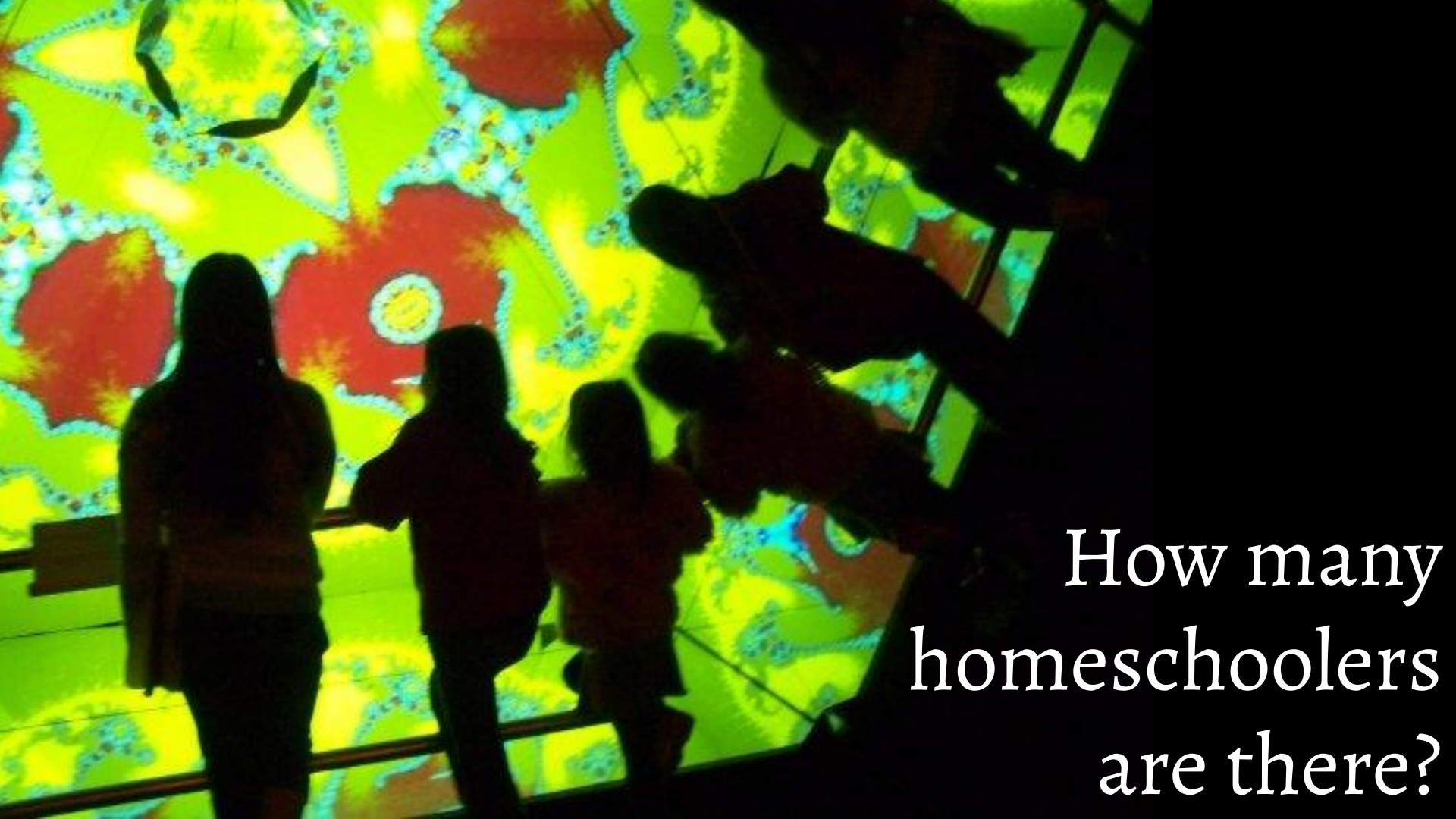


I was made for the library,
not the classroom. The
classroom was a jail of other
people's interests. The
library was open, unending
and free.

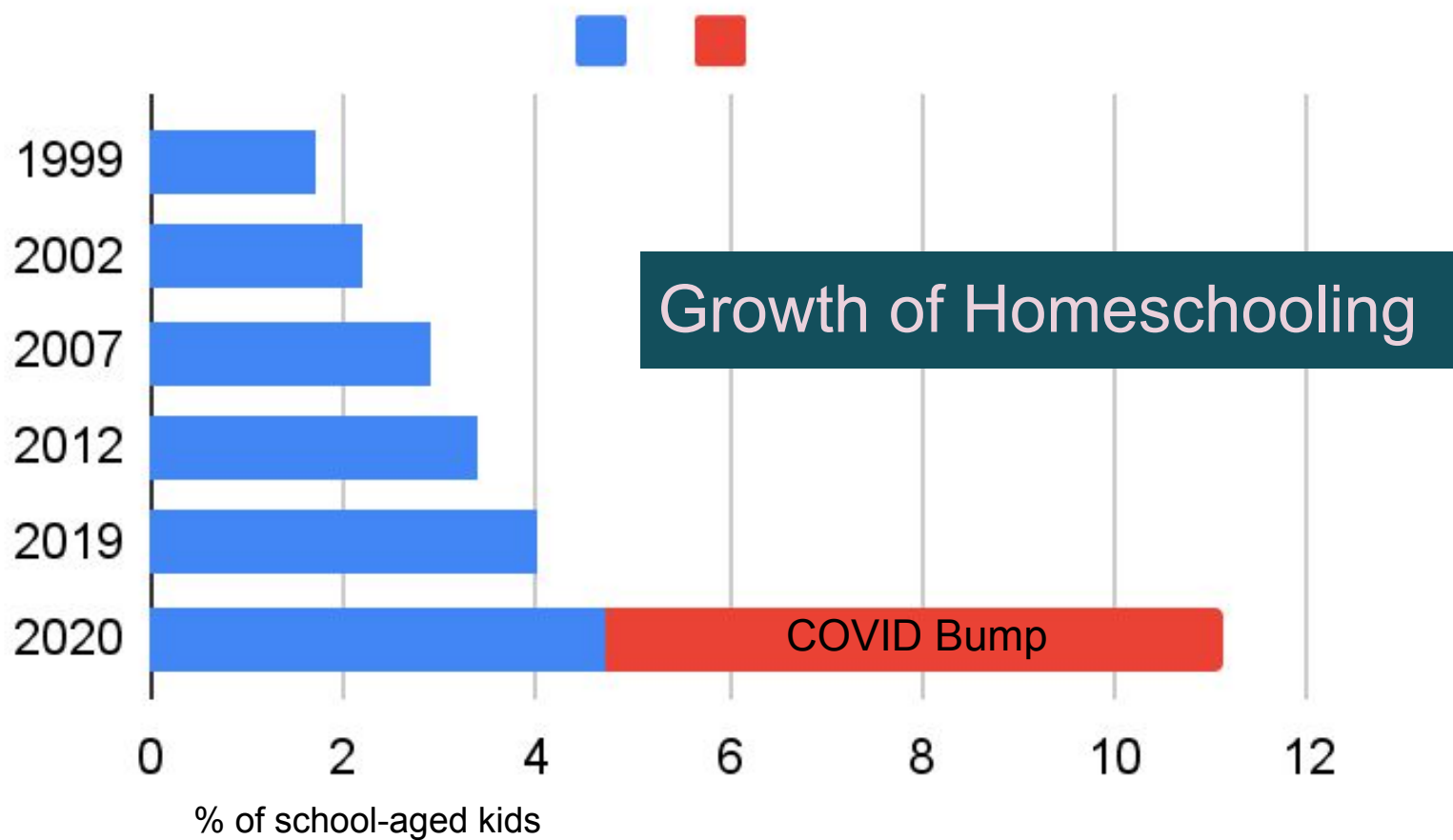
Ta-Nehisi Coates

Before we understand
homeschoolers in the
library, we need to
understand a bit about
homeschoolers in the
wild.



A group of people, including adults and children, are silhouetted against a large, vibrant, and abstract projection on a wall. The projection features bright yellow, red, and blue patterns, resembling a stylized map or a complex biological structure. The people are standing in a dark room, looking at the projection. The text "How many homeschoolers are there?" is overlaid on the right side of the image.

How many
homeschoolers
are there?

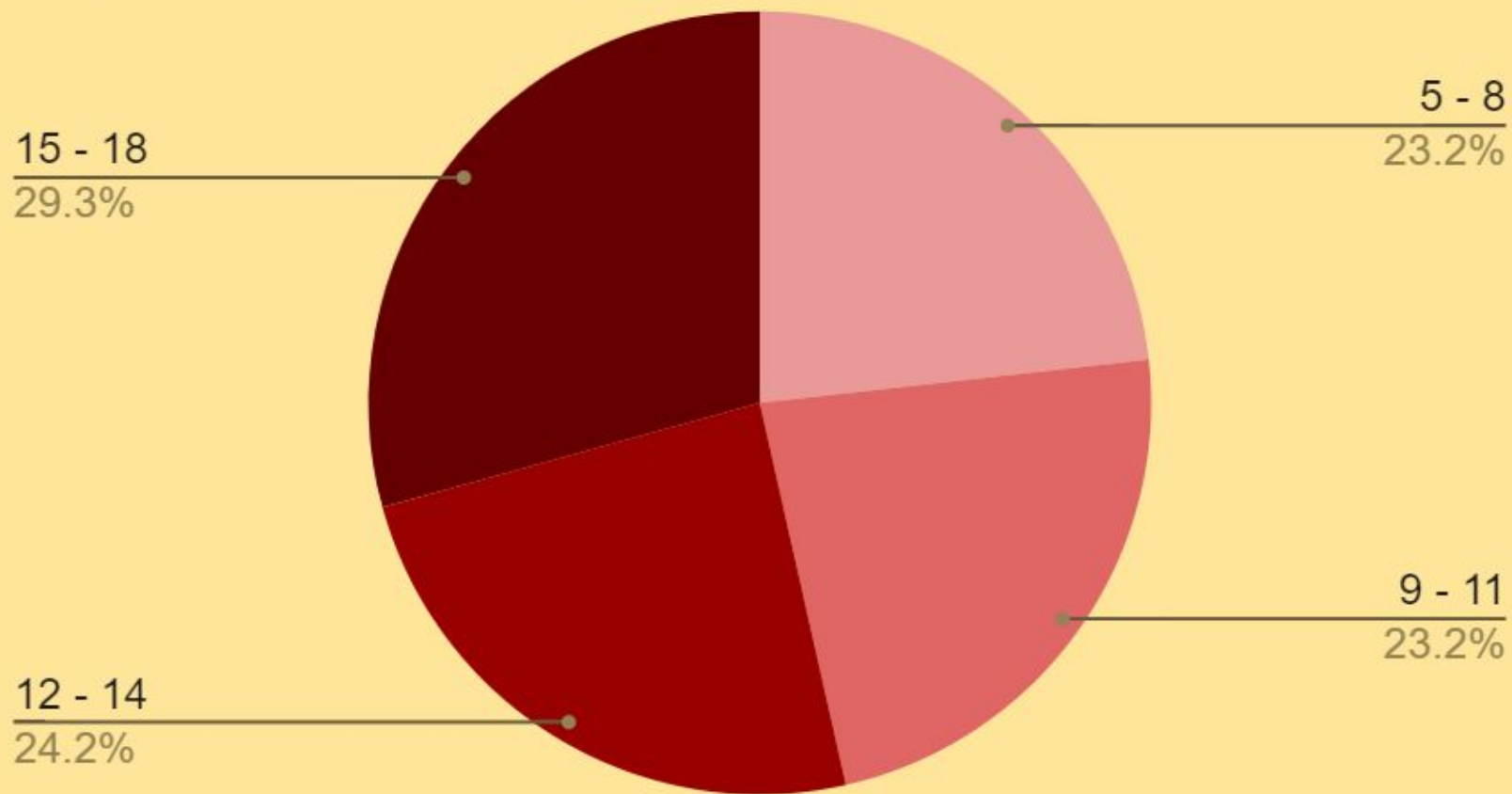


Source: Time4Learning and
Census Bureau's Household Pulse Survey



How old
are most
homeschoolers?

Ages of School-aged Homeschoolers





Why
Do
People
Choose
Homeschooling?



Reasons not to go to school

Concern about the school environment (50%)

Bullying, violence

Dissatisfaction with instruction

Financial concerns

Not enough family time

Not enough flexibility

(for example to travel)

Reasons to homeschool

Get individualized attention

Meet needs of your child

Choose a non-traditional philosophy

Get into colleges in high numbers

More time to be creative

Actors, athletes

Religious reasons (21%)



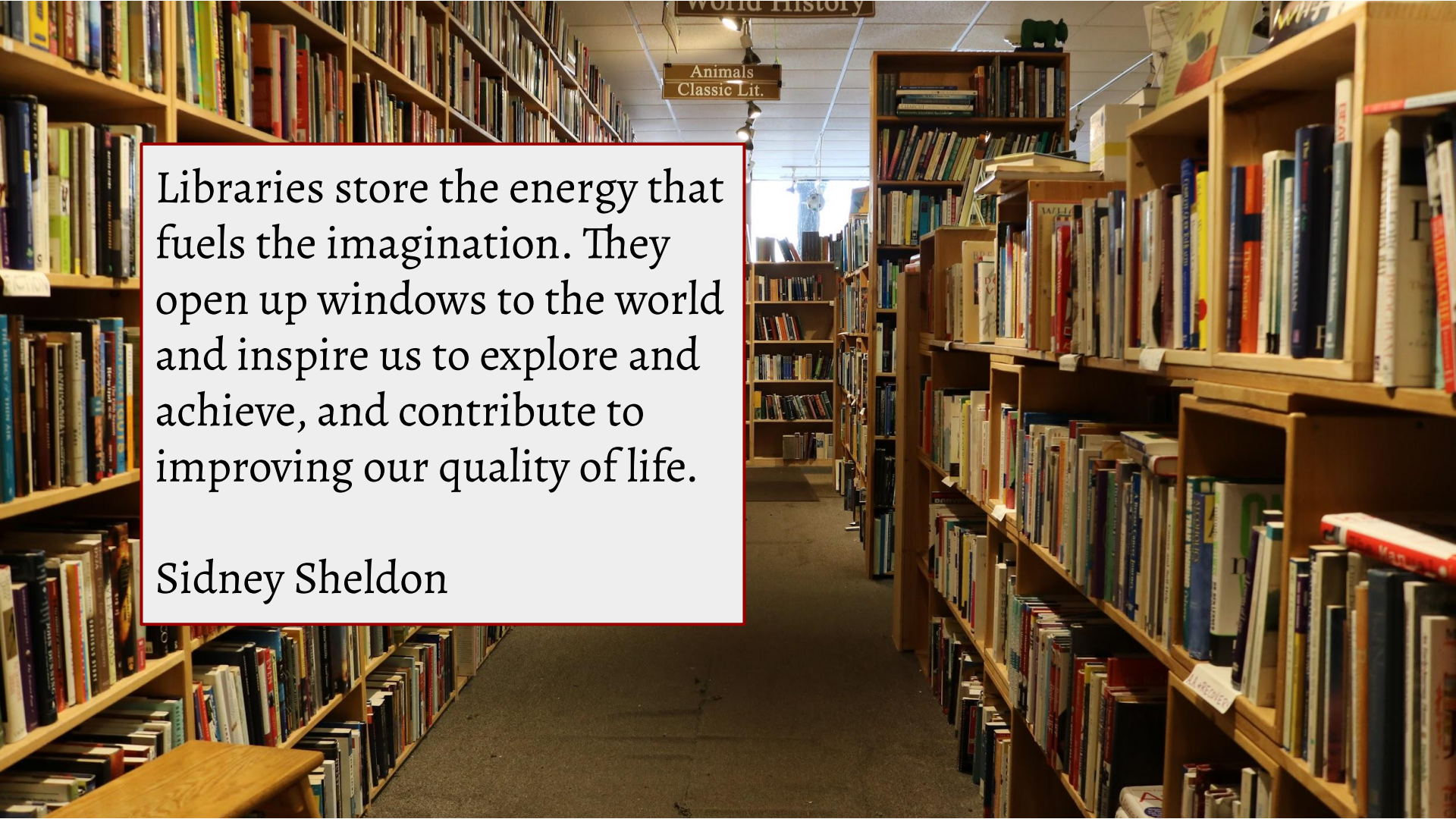


How much time
does it take?

Amount of time spent learning

Pre K	20-60 minutes
K	30-90 minutes
1-2	45 - 90 minutes
3-5	60 - 120 minutes
6-8	Up to 3 hours
9-12	Up to 4.5 hours

With so little time on academics there's a lot of time to fill with hands on experiences, exploration and adventures



Libraries store the energy that
fuels the imagination. They
open up windows to the world
and inspire us to explore and
achieve, and contribute to
improving our quality of life.

Sidney Sheldon



Homeschoolers' Success

Attitude

Experience

Ingenuity

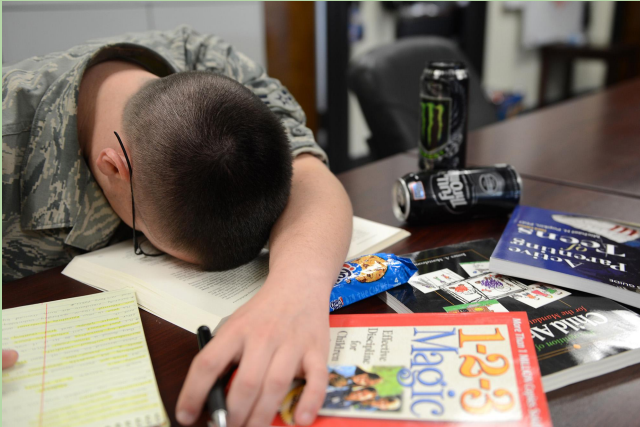
Opportunity

User-friendly

And you!

Even when one of
the reasons we
chose
homeschooling
was doing it the
way WE wanted,

We often *still*
reproduce what we
experienced at
school.



Expectations
from within
and without
are like a
Wild Thing



Should

Should

Should

Should

Should

Should

SHOULD

Should

Should

Experience

Love

Goals

Worry

Wish

HOPE

Fear

Caution

Should

School

Online and
distance
learning

All-in-one
Curricula

Unit Studies

Unschool

Others

Who gets to decide
the *Shoulds*?

Parents
And
Kids

School

Online and
distance
learning

All-in-one
Curricula

Unit Studies

Unschool

Systemized
and complete

Free form
and mercurial



School

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Unschool

Safety
Net

All the parents
All the time



How

Logical

Logic
Systems and
Reasoning

Physical

Shows preference
toward using body,
hands and sense of
touch

Think about how YOU
learn best.
It influences what you
offer to people who are
learning.

Visual

Pictures, images
and spatial
awareness

Learning Styles

Aural

Learning through
sounds and
music

Verbal

Words in
speech and
writing

Then those will be **your**
go-to ways to Support
Teaching.

But there is more to
learning and more
ways to learn.

Think about it..

What was the last thing
you learned and how
did you go about it?

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Get a mentor

TAKE A CLASS

Watch a video

Find an article

Practice

Have an experience

Read a book

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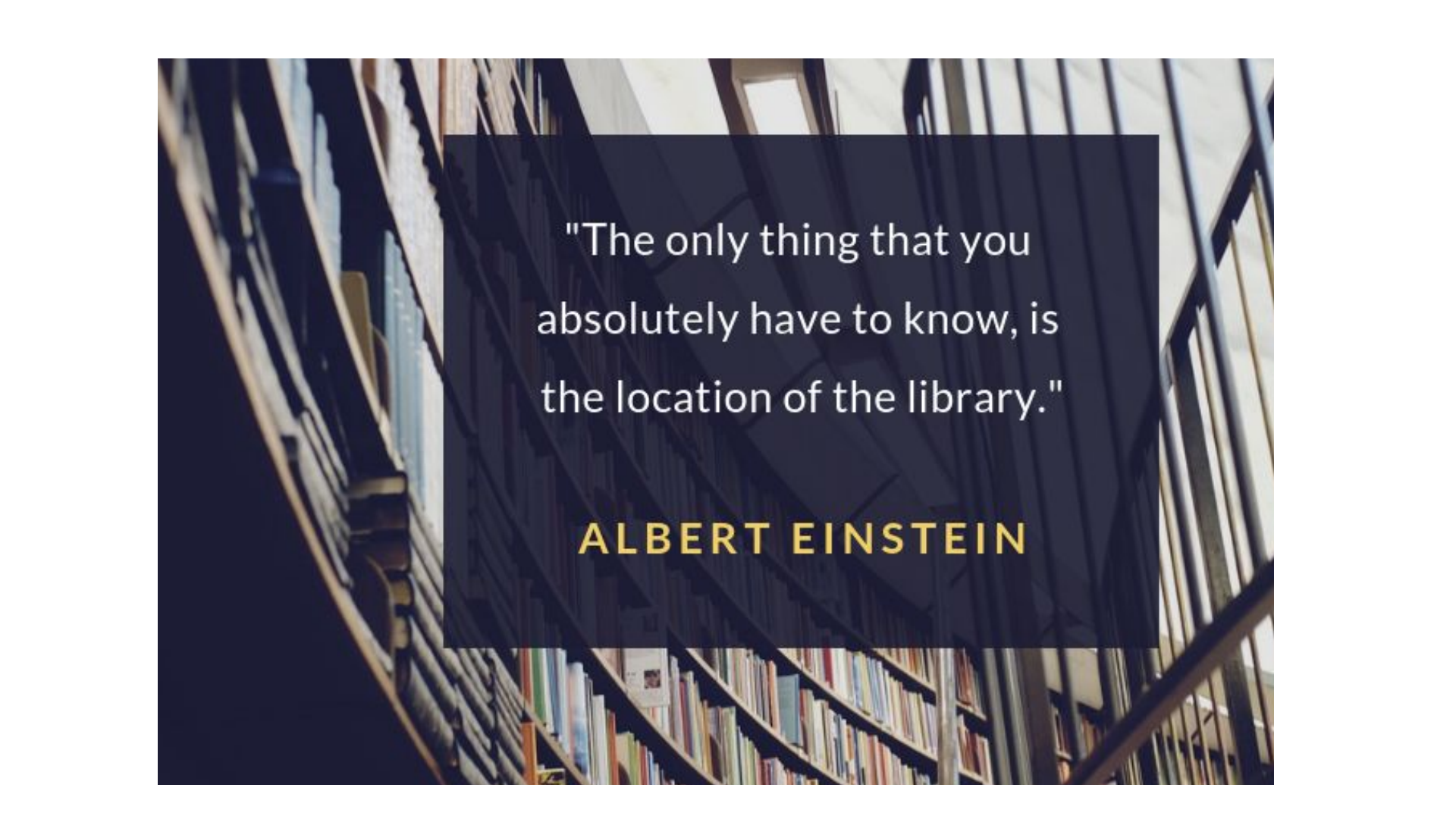
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~~Practice~~

Play



"The only thing that you
absolutely have to know, is
the location of the library."

ALBERT EINSTEIN

What makes a successful homeschool experience?



Adventure and Exploration
~ internal and external

Embracing different points of view

Connecting (this) to (that)

What makes a successful homeschool experience?

Interesting
tidbits

Experimenting

Discovering



Asking questions

Seeking answers

Satisfying Curiosity

Asking
New
Questions

School

Online and
distance
learning

All-in-one
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Comprehensive

Needs
Curation



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Research, creativity, curation



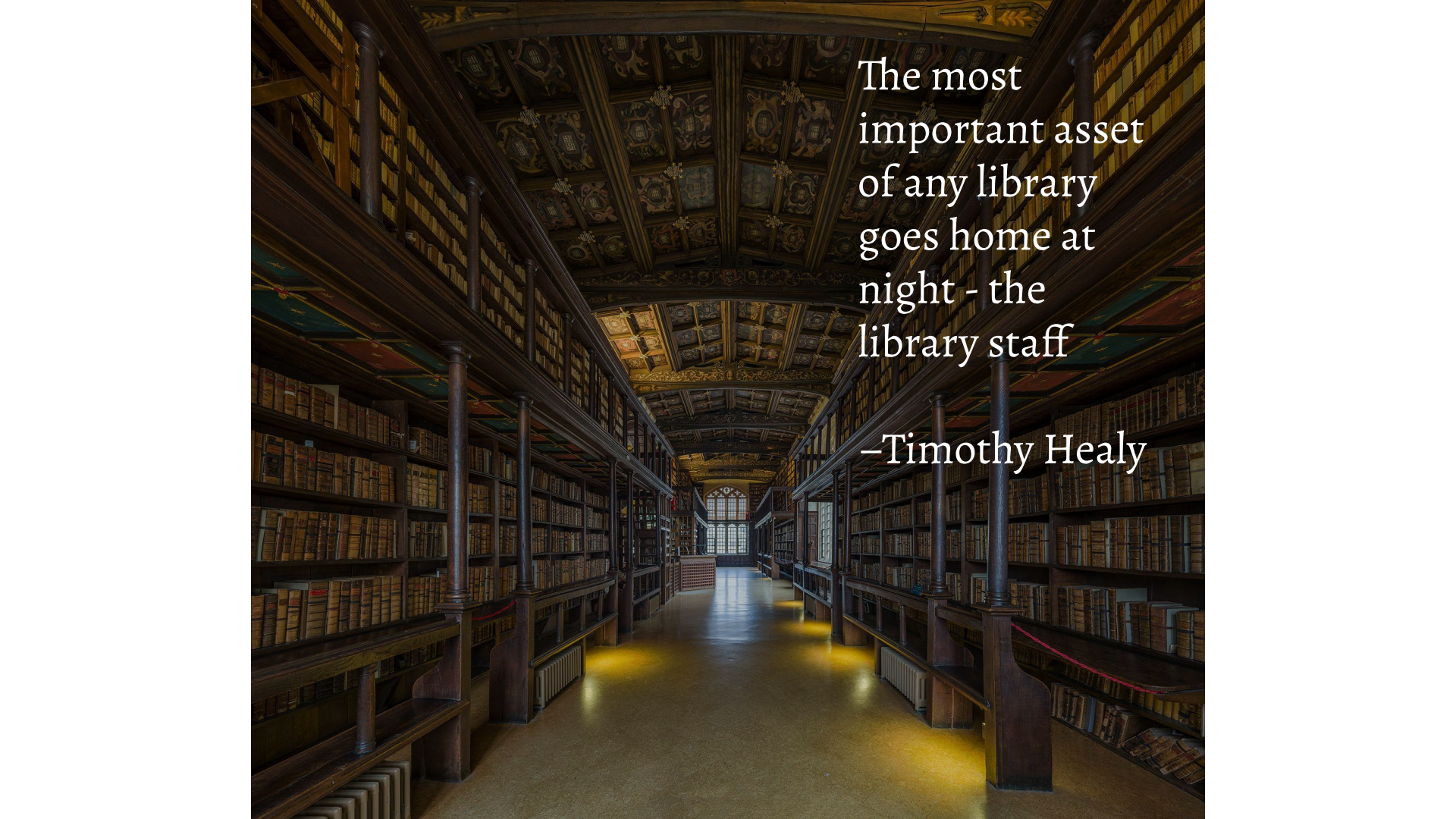
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*Does this sound like anyone
you know?*

Answer: It's YOU!



A photograph of a grand, historic library. The room features high, vaulted wooden ceilings with intricate painted decorations. Floor-to-ceiling wooden bookshelves line both sides of a long central aisle, filled with numerous books. The floor is polished and reflects the warm, ambient lighting. At the far end of the aisle, a large window with a decorative arch is visible. The overall atmosphere is one of quiet scholarship and historical grandeur.

The most
important asset
of any library
goes home at
night - the
library staff

—Timothy Healy

one last thought before we open up for questions:



Who is your perfect patron?

What qualities do they have?

What interactions do you yearn for?

I think it's
homeschoolers.



I think you
will, too.



What IS Homeschooling?

Where do I start?

How do I know what to do?



What's next?

Learning all the time

How to structure your time,
gain confidence and
lighten your load.

Webinars Wren
offers to
libraries for
patrons



Tips and Tricks for
Remote Learners

From years of Homeschooling





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Homeschooling

is about living
your best life.

Families get
to decide
what that
looks like.

